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REMARKS

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1. Prior to November 1951, the barracks installation located farthest to the north in the north-east section of Bratislava (P 49/K 99) on the northwestern side of Wajnorska Street was occupied by an engineer unit. Motor vehicles with pontoons and bridge building equipment were repeatedly seen in the installation. The equipment was partly being stored and partly constantly being loaded on trucks.¹

2. Two other barracks installations occupied by soldiers wearing various service colors were south of the barracks installation mentioned in paragraph 1 and on the same side of the street.² detachments marching out or being transported on trucks which towed light AA guns of an estimated caliber of 20-mm.

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3. Prior to November 1951, the barracks installation in the center of the town at the intersection of the southeast side of Heydukova Street and the southwest side of the Marianska Street, which consisted of a four-story building, about 100 meters long, and was surrounded by a high wall, was occupied by an infantry unit of more than 500 men who repeatedly left the installation marching in five to six detachments of about 80 to 100 men each. They were equipped with rifles and submachine guns.

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the unit was subordinate to an SNB headquarters and utilized for border guard tasks. The soldiers wore the figure 25 or 52 on the collar.³ the governing SNB headquarters for the Bratislava area was quartered in an installation consisting of several buildings and surrounded by a high wall which was located on the east side of Kollarovo Square and the north side of Marianska Street.⁴

4. The barracks installation which was called Malinovskoho-Staniza and consisted of an old brick building on the east side of Blahova Street and the south side of Fibeka Street, was occupied by an SNB unit of 150 to 200 men.

5. A barracks installation consisting of several buildings on the south side of Stefanovikova Street, was occupied by an armored vehicle unit. groups of three to four four-wheeled armored reconnaissance vehicles leaving the installation. Each vehicle was equipped with a machine gun.⁵

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6. The old barracks installation located on the east side of Stalinova Street and the north side of Benesova Street was occupied by SNE and militia. No details were available.⁶
7. In the fall of 1951, a barracks installation in the Petruška quarter, about 700 meters southeast of the Danube River railroad bridge, was occupied by an engineer unit. [redacted] intensive traffic between this installation and an engineer training ground on the south bank of the Danube River where pontoons and other engineer equipment were stored. Bridge sections of different types which served for training purposes were built into the river.⁷ 25X1
8. The military district headquarters was located on the third and fifth floor of a large five-story detached brick building on the east side of Benesova Street and between the Navodneho and Rajska Streets in the center of the town. A registration office and a passport office were on the ground floor. The building was guarded by militia.
9. A new four-story building of the State Security Service was located east-northeast of the town a short distance from the north side of the former Reidszanka Street which is the extension of Malinovského Tmavská Vesta Street.
10. A military hospital was near a civilian hospital on the northwest side of Mickievicova Street.
11. Prior to the fall of 1951, military trucks including tank trucks were repeatedly seen going to the Apollo Hydrogenation Plant, about 600 meters northeast of the Danube River railroad bridge. The plant was guarded by uniformed sentries.
12. Prior to February 1951, source observed an AAA unit in the Sturove Barracks which was located farthest to the north on Vajnarska Cesta Street. A gun on which soldiers were instructed usually was in the barracks yard. Five other guns, apparently of smaller caliber than the German 88-mm guns, were often emplaced opposite the installation. Czech single-engine aircraft were repeatedly observed in connection with the training of the gun crews.¹
13. Prior to February 1951, the Milan Hodze and Mesaryk Barracks south of the Sturove Barracks were occupied by infantry wearing red collar patches. [redacted] convoys of up to 15 trucks with soldiers leaving and of these barracks.² 25X1
14. The military prison was in the northeast section of the town on the east side of Krizna Street and south of Levicka Street.
15. Prior to February 1951, [redacted] Germans having served with the German Armed Forces and having obtained Czech citizenship after the war, had to serve six additional months before being assigned to the reserve. Germans who did not accept Czech citizenship were not inducted. 25X1
16. [redacted] Comments: [redacted] the Sturove Barracks which, a report of June 1950 indicated, were occupied by AAA, artillery and engineers. They 25X1

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